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SUBJECT: NATO EXERCISE HILEX (HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE) - 8

REFS: A) USNATO 3621
B) USNATO 3548
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D) USNATO 2492
E) STATE 17975
F) STATE 5399

1. THE DRAFT INCIDENT LIST AND PRE-EXERCISE SETTING ARE GREATLY IMPROVED. MISSION MAY STATE THAT THEY ARE A GOOD BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD HILEX-8. IN FURTHER REFINING HILEX IN HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE PLANNING GROUPS MEETINGS, MISSION SHOULD DRAW ON GENERAL GUIDANCE IN REFS E & F, AND ON THE FOLLOWING:
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2. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION OF DRAFT PRE-EXERCISE SETTING WILL NEED FURTHER TIGHTENING. MISSION SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON CLARIFYING SOVIET GOALS AND ACTIONS IN REINING IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. WE FEEL THAT DEVELOPMENTS ON OTHER CONTINENTS ARE DETAILED ENOUGH AND THAT FUTURE SESSIONS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON EUROPE.

3. FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 98 OF SETTING AS GIVEN IN REF A SHOULD BE REWORDED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES SO AS NOT TO EMPHASIZE FRG OVER OTHER WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION REACTION AGAINST THE EAST: QUOTE. . .98. THESE REPORTS, AS WELL AS THE APPEAL OF CZECH CITIZENS, WERE CARRIED IN THE WESTERN MEDIA AND DREW AN INSTANT AND EMOTIONAL RESPONSE FROM SIGNIFICANT SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION. THERE WERE MANY CALLS ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IN FAVOR OF THE DISSIDENTS... UNQUOTE.

4. SOVIET AIMS IN SCENARIO OF DIVERTING EASTERN EUROPEAN TRADE WITH THE WEST TO THE USSR SHOULD BE SHOWN TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO CAUSE SEVERE ECONOMIC DISRUPTION IN THE EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES. IMMEDIATE DIVERSION MIGHT IN SOME CASES CAUSE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OR SCARCITY RIOTS.

5. GENERAL OUTLINES OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP) PLAY ARE SATISFACTORY AND MAY BE APPROVED IF RAISED AT THIS MEETING.

6. WE SHALL HAVE FURTHER DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE POLITICAL SCENARIO FOR THE NEXT HLEPG MEETING.

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